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April 27, 2007

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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From: Patricia S. Ploehn, LCSW
Director

FEDERAL REVIEW OF TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE

I am pleased to share with your Board the commendation the Department received from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for having facilitated the successful completion of the federal review of the Title IV-E Foster Care cases last year. A copy is attached.

This audit was conducted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services to verify that determinations of eligibility to federal Foster Care were accurate and that case files were compliant with federal guidelines. Los Angeles County was commended for making accurate and error free eligibility determinations for all cases reviewed resulting in no audit disallowance. This accomplishment was especially significant in light of the large caseload in Los Angeles County and its overall impact on the audit findings for the State as a whole. The excellent work done in Los Angeles County ensures no disruption in the receipt of federal reimbursement for out-of-home care costs.

Highlighted in the commendation from CDSS was the Revenue Enhancement Division, especially Teresa Arevalo (Human Services Administrator III) and her Quality Assurance staff, for their outstanding efforts in coordinating the visit, case management and preparation activities for the audit. Moreover, the CDSS Deputy Director for Children and Family Services directly credits the Revenue Enhancement team for the favorable outcome experienced by the entire State of California.

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I am very proud of my Revenue Enhancement Division for their continuing dedication and commitment to achieving the goals and outcomes of the Department and to the children and families we serve.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Armand Montiel, Manager, Board Relations Section at (213) 351-5530.

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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March 21, 2007

Patricia S. Ploehn, Director
Los Angeles County
Department of Children and Family Services
425 Shatto Place
Los Angeles, California 90020

Dear Ms. Ploehn:

This letter is to thank you for your county's participation in the federal review of Title IV-E Foster Care cases conducted in Los Angeles County on July 31st through August 4th 2006, by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Your staff was instrumental in assuring the successful completion of this enormous undertaking.

I would especially like to thank Teresa Arevalo for securing the facility in which we conducted the review, managing the preparation of the approximately 50 Los Angeles cases involved in the review, and reviewing cases during the week of the review. Additionally, we thank Carmen Reed, Reba Levya, Detris Bush, Isabel Trento, and Jung-Hae Lee for preparing the Los Angeles cases for the review and for being completely accessible during the week of the review to help the reviewers to obtain additional Los Angeles documentation as well as provide support such as copying, faxing, etc.

As you know, California passed the audit and Los Angeles County had no error cases. The assistance of your staff was critical to our success in passing California's Title IV-E Review. Again, thank you for the use of your facilities and your excellent staff. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 657-2614 or Barbara Eaton, Chief of Foster Care Audits and Rates Branch at (916) 651-9152.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary L. Ault'.

Mary L. Ault
Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division

c: Teresa Arevalo
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Jung-Hae Lee
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